

**ICOC Policy Governing Extraordinary Petitions  
for ICOC Consideration of Applications for Funding<sup>1</sup>**

1. An applicant for CIRM funding who wishes to communicate with the ICOC regarding the applicant's application may submit a written communication concerning the application after the Grant Working Group's review and at least five working days prior to the ICOC meeting at which the application will be considered for funding. Such a communication (referred to herein as an "extraordinary petition") should only be submitted under extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary petitions shall be three pages or less (typeface [Arial], font size [11 p]), and margins [1" all around]) and shall succinctly set forth the basis for the request for special consideration. Extraordinary petitions submitted fewer than five working days before the ICOC's meeting will not have the benefit of CIRM staff review.
2. Extraordinary petitions shall be directed to the Chairman of the ICOC and to the President and the Chief Scientific Officer of CIRM. CIRM staff shall distribute the petitions to the members of the ICOC and post them on CIRM's website. CIRM, in its sole discretion, may redact the petitions to protect personal, proprietary, or confidential information and other information that may be redacted under the Public Records Act or Health & Safety Code section 125290.30(e).<sup>2</sup>
3. The President of CIRM, in consultation with the Chief Scientific Officer and scientific staff, shall review the petition and shall be prepared to make a recommendation to the ICOC.
4. If an ICOC member requests discussion of a petition, CIRM staff shall provide its analysis of such petition and its recommendation to the board during its consideration of the application, provided that the petition was submitted at least five working days before the meeting.
5. The ICOC retains full discretion to consider or not consider the petitions and the CIRM staff analyses before making its final funding decisions.

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<sup>1</sup> This policy is separate from, and does not modify, the appeals process set forth in the Grants Administration Policy, section II.F.

<sup>2</sup> If an applicant believes that the applicant's extraordinary petition contains proprietary or confidential information pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 125290.30(e), the applicant may indicate to CIRM which information the applicant believes should be redacted before the extraordinary petition is publicly posted. However, CIRM retains the sole discretion to determine whether to redact the information.